



*Woodsmen's Weekend*  
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NINE COLLEGES TO COMPETE AS WOODSMEN'S WEEKEND RETURNS  
TO DARTMOUTH CAMPUS MAY 2-3 FOR TEST OF OUTDOOR SKILLS

HANOVER, NH -- Keeping alive the crafts of a vanishing breed, nearly 200 students from nine colleges will compete here in traditional north country skills Friday and Saturday (May 2 and 3) in the Dartmouth Woodsmen's Weekend.

The Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC), which organized the first intercollegiate woodsmen's weekend in 1947, is organizing the competition in the use of lumberjack tools predating the advent of mechanization. The event, which rotates among the competing colleges able to host it, is returning to Dartmouth this spring after a three-year absence.

Other colleges sending teams to the colorful event taking place at three different college locations during the two-day competitive carnival are University of New Hampshire, University of Pennsylvania, University of Maine, Colby College and Unity College from Maine, Paul Smith's College and the Community College of the Finger Lakes from New York, and the University of New Brunswick in Canada.

Co-directors of the complex arrangements for the competition involving approximately 30 teams are seniors Michael McMurtry from Englewood, Colorado, and Amy Haak from Simsbury, Conn.

Each college will be represented by one or two men's teams, a women's team, and, in some cases, an alumni team, and in the course of the two days they will saw, chop, roll, throw and otherwise go through more than 20 tons of lumber. The Dartmouth women's team is the defending champion this year, while the DOC's men's teams will be attempting to regain the championship won at the University of New Hampshire a couple of years ago.

The collegiate weekend woodsmen will compete in a total of 20 events, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday when singles canoe races will start at Storrs Pond. Other events in the Storrs Pond-Oak Hill area on Friday will be doubles canoeing, canoe portage, log rolling and packboard relays.

On Saturday, the competition will first move to the Dartmouth Green with formal opening ceremonies scheduled for 8 a.m., followed by six singles events: the ax throw, chain throw (a throwback to an old surveyors technique), pulp throw, chain saw, verticle chip, and fly casting, starting at 8:30 a.m.

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Team competitions, also starting at 8:30 a.m., will include Scoot loading, team pulp throwing, cross cut sawing, buck sawing, wood splitting and speed chopping.

The 34th annual intercollegiate woodsmen's event will end Saturday afternoon with post felling and firebuilding at the Garipay fields off Reservoir Road. In the spirit of the outdoorsmen events, all the visiting competitors will be camping out at the Storrs Pond campground during the weekend.

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